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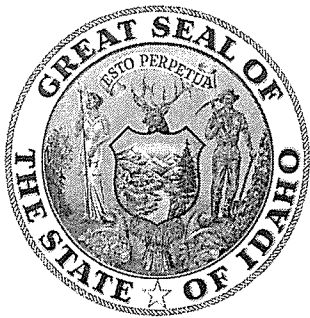
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STATEMENT OF
FEDERAL LAND PAYMENTS
Under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Act

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SUMMARY

PURPOSE OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

We performed certain limited procedures to compile the data in the accompanying Statement of Federal Land Payments. The intent of these procedures was not to express an opinion, but to provide information on the distribution of federal land payments by the State of Idaho to local units of government as requested by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

CONCLUSION

We did not identify any errors or recommend any adjustments to the amounts distributed by the State of Idaho to local units of government.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no findings and recommendations in this report or in the prior report.

AGENCY RESPONSE

There were no comments from State officials.

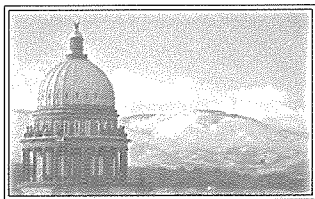
This report is intended solely for the information and use of the State of Idaho and the U.S. Department of the Interior, and is not intended to be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Statehouse Mail

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Dear Governor Otter and Mr. Howell:

In compliance with Chapter 69, Title 31 U.S. Code, commonly referred to as the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Act, we are furnishing the requested information regarding the distribution of federal land payments by the State of Idaho to local units of government.

The intent of this report is not to express an opinion, but to provide information on the amounts distributed to local units of government as requested by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

We did not identify any errors or recommend any adjustments to the amounts that were distributed by the State of Idaho to local units of government for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

Should you have any questions regarding the provided information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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STATE COMMENTS

There were no comments from State Officials.

EXHIBIT I

Exhibit I

County	Number	Note 1 USF/FS FS/MMS Timber & Sec. Schls Title I (Roads part only)	Note 1 USFS Secure Schools Title III	Note 2 USFS Bankhead Jones	Note 3 MMS/BLM Mineral Leasing	Note 4 BLM Taylor Grazing Section 3	Note 5 BLM Bankhead Jones	Note 6 BLM Sales of Material	Note 7 FERC Power Sales	Note 2 FW Refuge Revenue Sharing	Total	Adjustments	Recommended For Acceptance	\$25
Ada	131001001				\$25									\$25
Adams	131002002	\$582,874	\$26,021								608,895		608,895	\$25
Bannock	131003003	81,631			12						81,643		81,643	81,643
Bear Lake	131004004	317,334			448						317,782		317,782	317,782
Benevah	131005005	56,835	17,747		2						74,584		74,584	74,584
Bingham	131006006				411						411		411	411
Blaine	131007007	87,641	7,825								95,466		95,466	95,466
Boise	131008008	1,173,384	98,604		15						1,272,003		1,272,003	1,272,003
Bonner	131009009	723,944									723,944		723,944	723,944
Bonneville	131010010	326,283	16,451		304						343,038		343,038	343,038
Boundary	131011011	1,557,727									1,557,727		1,557,727	1,557,727
Butte	131012012	300,513									300,513		300,513	300,513
Camas	131013013	272,912	32,107								305,019		305,019	305,019
Canyon	131014014										0		0	0
Caribou	131015015	349,510			139,022						488,532		488,532	488,532
Cassia	131016016	29,453									29,453		29,453	29,453
Clark	131017017	427,774	21,568		125						449,467		449,467	449,467
Clearwater	131018018	701,758	17,789		54						719,601		719,601	719,601
Custer	131019019	882,318	234,836								1,117,154		1,117,154	1,117,154
Elmore	131020020				9						9		9	9
Franklin	131021021	171,763									171,763		171,763	171,763
Fremont	131022022	743,356									743,356		743,356	743,356
Gem	131023023	98,797			1						98,798		98,798	98,798
Gooding	131024024										0		0	0
Idaho	131025025	2,592,761	88,728		41						2,681,530		2,681,530	2,681,530
Jefferson	131026026				2,987						2,987		2,987	2,987
Kootenai	131027027										0		0	0
Latah	131028028										0		0	0
Lemhi	131030030	2,252,632	160,902		7						2,413,534		2,413,534	2,413,534
Lewis	131031031										0		0	0
Lincoln	131032032										0		0	0
Madison	131033033	130,528									130,528		130,528	130,528
Minidoka	131034034										0		0	0
Nez Perce	131035035	2,984									2,984		2,984	2,984
Oneida	131036036	145,798									145,798		145,798	145,798
Owyhee	131037037										0		0	0
Payette	131038038										0		0	0
Power	131039039										0		0	0
Shoshone	131040040	2,289,838	99,745		45						2,389,628		2,389,628	2,389,628
Teton	131041041	96,786									96,786		96,786	96,786
Twin Falls	131042042										0		0	0
Valley	131043043	1,443,740	97,058		14						1,540,812		1,540,812	1,540,812
Washington	131044044	38,541	3,627								42,168		42,168	42,168
Total		\$17,879,415	\$923,008	\$0	\$143,522	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,945,945	\$0	\$18,945,945	\$18,945,945

NOTES TO EXHIBIT I

NOTE 1. NATIONAL FORESTS

Receipts from national forests in FFY 2009 totaled \$44,849,983 for Title I, Title II, and Title III projects. Receipts for Title I (\$37,777,448) are split 70% (\$26,444,213) to highway districts and 30% (\$11,333,234) to school districts. The receipts to highway districts are further split, in accordance with Idaho Code, Section 57-1303, between county highway districts (\$17,879,415) and independent districts (\$8,564,767). Receipts for Title III were \$923,008. Funds for Title II projects (\$6,149,527) are not received by the State Treasurer.

NOTE 2. USFS BANKHEAD JONES AND FISH AND WILDLIFE REFUGE REVENUE SHARING

These federal payments are made directly to Idaho's county governments. During FFY 2009, \$2,859 was paid under USFS Bankhead Jones, and \$163 was paid under the Fish and Wildlife Refuge Revenue Sharing. To the best of our knowledge, there is no State law specifying how USFS Bankhead Jones and Fish and Wildlife payments are to be spent by the counties.

NOTE 3. MINERAL LEASING

The federal payment schedule provided by the U.S. Department of Interior reported \$1,433,577 in mineral lease funds. The Idaho State Treasurer's Office reported receipts of \$1,433,577 in mineral leasing, plus an additional \$172 in National Forest and \$400 in late interest which totals \$1,434,149.

Pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 57-1306, 90% of these receipts is distributed to the Public School Income Fund. The other 10% is distributed to the general fund of the counties where the revenue was generated. The following reconciliation shows the distribution for FFY 2009.

Payment per Federal Schedule and State Treasurer Documents	\$1,433,577
Add: National Forest	172
Interest Earned	400
Total Received by Treasurer in FFY 2009	<u>\$1,434,149</u>
Add: FFY 08 Receipts Distributed in FFY 2009	9,261
Less: Current Year Receipts to be Distributed in FFY 2010	<u>(15,881)</u>
Total Distributed in FFY 2009	<u>\$1,427,529</u>
90% for Public Schools	\$1,290,219
Add: Interest not Subject to 90% Split	400
Less: Interest Received in FFY 2009, Distributed in FFY 2010	<u>0</u>
Total Public Schools	\$1,290,619
10% for Counties	143,530
Add: FFY 08 Payments Made in FFY 2009	9,261
Less: FFY 09 Payment Made in FFY 2010	<u>(15,881)</u>
Total Counties	<u>\$136,910</u>
Total Distributions for FFY 2009	<u>\$1,427,529</u>

NOTE 4. TAYLOR GRAZING, SECTIONS 3 AND 15

This money is deposited by the State Treasurer's Office and then transmitted to the counties for deposit to the grazing districts pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 57-1201. According to the U.S. Comptroller General's opinion, the grazing districts are single-purpose districts, therefore the funds are not reported in Exhibit I of this report. The total amount transmitted to the county grazing districts in FFY 2009 was \$181,609 from the November 27, 2008 federal distribution.

NOTE 5. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT BANKHEAD JONES

The State does not receive payments under this law.

NOTE 6. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT SALE OF MATERIALS

This money is deposited to the State Public School Endowment Fund, pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 33-902. The amount received in FFY 2009 was \$109,595.

NOTE 7. FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) POWER SALES

This money is deposited by the State Treasurer's Office into the State's General Fund. No specific State or federal statutes govern the disposition of these funds. FERC power sale funds received for FFY 2009 totaled \$180,909.

This amount agrees to that shown on Enclosure 2 of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes package, entitled "Prior Year Payments Received by State and Local Governments During the Period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009."

EXHIBIT II

Following are the Idaho Code statutes related to the receipt and disbursement of federal land payments in the State of Idaho.

33-902. PUBLIC SCHOOL PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

(1) There is established in the state treasury the public school permanent endowment fund. This fund is perpetually appropriated for the beneficiaries of the endowment. The fund shall be managed and invested by the endowment fund investment board according to law and the policies established by the state board of land commissioners. The fund principal shall forever remain intact. The fund shall be a permanent fund and shall consist of the following:

- (a) Proceeds from the sale of lands granted to the state by the federal government, known as public school endowment lands, and lands granted in lieu of public school endowment school lands;
- (b) Lands, money or other property acquired by gift or grant from any person or corporation or under any law or grant of the federal government for general educational purposes;
- (c) All other grants of lands or money made to the state from the federal government for general educational purposes where no other purpose is indicated in the grant;
- (d) All estates or distributive shares of estates that may escheat to the state;
- (e) All unclaimed shares and dividends of any corporation incorporated under the laws of the state;
- (f) Proceeds of royalties arising from the extraction of minerals on public school land owned by the state;
- (g) Other proceeds and avails as are required by law of the federal government or of the state of Idaho to be made a part of the fund; and
- (h) Moneys allocated from the public school earnings reserve fund.

(2) Public school endowment land sale proceeds may be deposited into the land bank fund established in section 58-133, Idaho Code, to be used to acquire other lands within the state for the benefit of the endowment beneficiaries. If proceeds from the sale of public school endowment lands are not used to acquire other lands in accordance with section 58-133, Idaho Code, the proceeds from the sale shall be deposited into the public school permanent endowment fund along with any earnings on the proceeds.

(3) Earnings from the investment of the public school permanent endowment fund shall be distributed according to the provisions of section 57-723A, Idaho Code.

33-902A. PUBLIC SCHOOL EARNINGS RESERVE FUND

(1) There is established in the state treasury the public school earnings reserve fund. The fund shall be managed and invested by the endowment fund investment board according to law and the policies established by the state board of land commissioners. The public school earnings reserve fund shall consist of the following:

- (a) All earnings of the public school permanent endowment fund;
- (b) Proceeds of the sale of timber on public school endowment lands;
- (c) Proceeds of leases of public school endowment lands;
- (d) Proceeds of interest charged upon deferred payments on public school endowment lands or timber on those lands;

- (e) Earnings on contracts for the sale of timber and the sale of lands related to the public school endowment; and
 - (f) All other proceeds received from the use of public school endowment lands and not otherwise designated for deposit in the public school permanent endowment fund.
- (2) Moneys shall be distributed out of the public school earnings reserve fund only to support the beneficiaries of the public school endowment, including distributions by the state board of land commissioners to the public school permanent endowment fund and the public school income fund; provided, that funds shall not be appropriated by the legislature from the public school earnings reserve fund except to pay for administrative costs incurred managing the assets of the public school endowment including, but not limited to, real property and monetary assets.

33-903. PUBLIC SCHOOL INCOME FUND

- (1) The public school income fund is that fund in the treasury of the state of Idaho to which are credited the following:
- (a) Moneys distributed from the public school earnings reserve fund and other sources the legislature deems appropriate;
 - (b) Proceeds of all state taxes levied for public school purposes;
 - (c) Grants of moneys from the federal government for public school purposes when other disposition is not specified by law;
 - (d) Ninety percent (90%) of any moneys received by any department of state government from the federal government from sales, royalties, bonuses or rentals of oil, gas or mineral lands;
 - (e) Legislative appropriations in support of the public schools, and other moneys required by the law of the federal government or of the state of Idaho to be made a part of and credited to the fund.
- (2) Earnings on the investment of idle moneys in the public school income fund shall be paid to the public school income fund.
- (3) Moneys in the public school income fund shall be used for the benefit of beneficiaries of the public school endowment and distributed to current beneficiaries of the public school endowment pursuant to legislative appropriation.

57-1201. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO COUNTIES BY THE STATE TREASURER

All funds received by the state of Idaho, as its distributive share of the amounts collected by the United States Government under the provisions of the Congress of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269) known as the Taylor Grazing Act, and any act amendatory thereof, shall be deposited with the state treasurer. Upon receipt of said money, the state treasurer shall distribute the same to the several counties of the state in which grazing districts, or lands producing such moneys are located, by warrant drawn on the state treasurer. The state treasurer, shall, upon the date this act becomes effective, and annually thereafter, ascertain from the proper United States officers having the records of receipt from grazing permits, the amount of receipts from such sources in the state of Idaho for each year for which money is received by the state of Idaho, keep a separate account of the sums received from lands producing such moneys, and apportion the distributive shares of the same among the several counties in which said grazing district is located; and if any such grazing district lies in more than one county of the state, each such county shall receive such proportionate amount of said sum as the area of said grazing district included within the boundary of such county shall bear to the total area of such grazing district.

57-1202. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS WITH COUNTY TREASURER – GRAZING DISTRICT TREASURER – WARRANTS AGAINST FUND

All money paid to the county or counties in which such grazing district lies, shall be deposited with the county treasurer. The grazing district board of advisors may appoint a grazing district treasurer and the board shall give notice, in writing, to the county treasurer of the appointment. The grazing district board of advisors shall require a bond of the grazing district treasurer and may pay for the same from the fund of the grazing district. The county treasurer shall then pay over to the grazing district treasurer all funds accruing to the grazing district, from time to time, as the county treasurer receives such funds. After payments of the funds to the grazing district treasurer by the county treasurer, the grazing district and the grazing district treasurer shall be liable for such funds and all liability on the part of the state or county or county treasurer shall cease at that time. The grazing district treasurer shall deposit all such funds in a public depository, and shall expend such funds as provided for by law, and shall pay such funds out by checks signed by both the chairman of the board of the district advisors of the district and the district treasurer. In the event the grazing district board of advisors does not appoint a grazing district treasurer the county treasurer of any county in which a grazing district may be located, either in whole, or in part, shall be the ex officio district treasurer of any grazing district located in whole or in part within such county, and shall be liable upon his official bond for all money deposited in fund designated for that purpose. The county treasurer, as ex officio grazing district treasurer shall pay out such money in said fund upon the warrant of the grazing district located in whole, or in part, in his county, signed by the chairman of the board of district advisors of such grazing district and countersigned by the vice chairman. All moneys paid to any county having lands producing such moneys and not within a grazing district, shall be deposited with the county treasurer in a special fund to be known as "Range Improvement Fund" and expended by the board of county commissioners upon warrants for range improvements and maintenance, predatory animal control, rodent control, poisonous or noxious weed extermination or for any similar purpose in cooperation with the federal government or local livestock men's organizations.

57-1301. APPORTIONMENT OF FOREST RESERVE FUNDS

It shall be the duty of the state treasurer to receive any and all moneys paid or offered to be paid to him as such treasurer by the treasurer of the United States on account of the moneys received from such forest reserves, under and by virtue of the Act of Congress of June 30, 1906, and to keep a separate account of the sums received from each reserve, and to apportion the distributive shares of the same among the several counties in which such forest reserves are situated in proportion to the area of such reserve in such county, and to pay the same over to the several county treasurers of such counties as soon after the same is received as such apportionment can be made.

57-1303. COUNTY APPORTIONMENT OF FOREST RESERVE FUNDS

The auditor of each county receiving a portion of this fund shall within ten (10) days of receipt of this money allot and distribute seventy percent (70%) of this money to the county general road fund and to the treasurer of the highway districts and good road districts in the county in proportion to the mileage of each within the county, to be expended for the construction and repair of roads and bridges, and thirty percent (30%) to the various school districts and joint county school districts within the county in proportion to the number of pupils in average daily attendance in each district in the year immediately prior to this distribution. The distribution of such moneys to the respective school districts entitled thereto shall be in addition to and without regard to any assistance to such school districts from any and all other sources in maintaining the minimum educational program and minimum transportation program.

57-1306. IMPACT FUNDS

(a) Upon receipt of any moneys from the federal government from sales, royalties, bonuses or rentals of oil, gas or mineral lands of the federal government, the state treasurer shall remit ten percent (10%) of such receipts to the general fund of the several counties from which the resources were extracted. The state treasurer shall compute a particular county's share of such receipts by computing the proportion of the moneys generated by sales, royalties, bonuses or rentals of federal lands situated within that particular county to the total of moneys received from the federal government from sales, royalties, bonuses or rentals of all oil, gas or mineral lands of the federal government within the state of Idaho for the same period. The moneys remitted to the various counties according to the provisions of this section shall be used for the construction and maintenance of public roads or for the support of public schools.

(b) The remaining ninety percent (90%) of any moneys received from the federal government from sales, royalties, bonuses or rentals of oil, gas or mineral lands of the federal government shall be deposited into the public school income fund, pursuant to the provisions of section 33-903, Idaho Code.

57-1307. DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES

All moneys received by the state treasurer under the provisions of chapter 12 and chapter 13, title 57, Idaho Code, for transmittal to other units or departments of government shall be expeditiously paid to the units or departments as soon as distribution information is received from the appropriate agency of the federal government. To accomplish expeditious payment the division of financial management and the state controller shall immediately carry out their duties.

If a payment under the provisions of chapter 12 or chapter 13, title 57, Idaho Code, has been made in error to other units or departments due to erroneous information received from the appropriate agency of the federal government or due to any other reason, the state treasurer shall either make the necessary adjustments in the next distribution to said units or department, or shall expeditiously demand refunds from those units or departments which were overpaid and such units or departments shall pay such refunds expeditiously to the state treasurer.